

**AGENDA**



**Recommendation for Council Action**

Austin City Council	Item ID	17489	Agenda Number	84.
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Meeting Date:	8/2/2012	Department:	Planning and Development Review
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**Subject**

Set a public hearing to consider an ordinance amending the City Code Chapter 25-2 addressing the short term rental of residential units. (Suggested date and time: August 23, 2012, 4:00 p.m. at Austin City Hall, 301 W. Second Street, Austin, TX).

**Amount and Source of Funding**

**Fiscal Note**

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	January 12, 2012: City Council passed a resolution directing the City Auditor to prepare a report looking at several aspects of the short term rental market in Austin.
For More Information:	Jerry Rusthoven, 974-3207
Boards and Commission Action:	Recommended by the Planning Commission.
MBE / WBE:	
Related Items:	

**Additional Backup Information**

For visitors or Austin residents seeking a place to stay for a short period of time, the short term rental of a house of other residential structure has become an increasingly popular option. These short term rentals can offer great flexibility and a unique experience for visitors, and can provide an important source of income for the property owner.

As these short term rentals become more popular, homeowners that reside near them have questioned whether the rental of residential structures for short durations should be more appropriately considered a commercial rather than residential activity, and regulated accordingly.

The Planning Commission has worked extensively with stakeholders and has drafted a proposal to regulate the short term rental of residential structures through amendments to the land development code.